

Neighborhood News

Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department

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Phoenix Has Adequate Water, *But Don't Waste It*

Phoenix has adequate water supplies, but none to waste. That's the message to residents as the city announced implementation of stage one of the Drought Management Plan in response to the Salt River Project's (SRP) reduction of water deliveries to the city by one-third for 2003.

Phoenix will purchase additional Central Arizona Project water to ensure that customer demands continue to be met.

Phoenix has planned, well in advance, to purchase and store additional surface water and enhance its well water system, so residents can weather dry times.

Additional enhancements to Phoenix's water treatment and distribution, plant management, and water reclamation, technology and conservation programs place the city in a better position to weather the drought than most communities across the country.

Stage one of Phoenix's Drought Management Plan requests that residents voluntarily reduce water use by 5 percent.

City departments are leading the way by implementing strategies to achieve a mandatory 5 percent reduction in water use.

That goal is being reached through various measures including enhancement of the leak repair program, less watering of parks and municipal golf courses, and turning off decorative fountains.

The city of Phoenix promotes conservation techniques year-round, regardless of the amount of available



water, or the existence of drought. Phoenix escalated its year-round "Water. Use It Wisely" conservation awareness program last year.

As an individual, you can help in many ways, such as turning the faucet off while you are brushing your teeth, sweeping sidewalks rather than hosing them down, showering quickly, washing your car less, and checking for toilet leaks.

You can learn a wealth of conservation information by logging in at phoenix.gov.

Homeownership Fair Set For March 15-16

The Arizona Republic Homeownership Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16 at the Phoenix Civic Plaza, Hall A. In addition to free admittance, the first 200 adults each day will receive a Harkins movie pass.

Attendees also can get validated parking in the Plaza East Garage.

Fair exhibitors will include mortgage lenders, Realtors, home builders and others involved in the local housing industry. They will provide information about and assistance with the home buying process.

The event is brought to you by the city's Housing Department, Arizona Department of Housing, Washington Mutual, Wells Fargo Mortgage, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Arizona Mortgage Lenders Association and the Arizona Association of REALTORS®.

For more information, call 602-379-7275.

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CALENDAR

MARCH

5,19 City Council Neighborhood Revitalization, Housing and Historic Preservation Subcommittee

10 a.m. – noon Phoenix City Hall, City Council Subcommittee Room, 12th floor, 200 W. Washington St. Call 602-261-8875

10 Minority Business City-Certification seminar.

Free. Call 602-262-6790 or TTY 602-534-1557.

12 Home Maintenance Workshop on Evaporative Coolers. Free.

Call 602-495-0700.

12 Planning and Zoning for Neighborhood Groups Workshop, Phoenix City Hall,

200 W. Washington St., Assembly Room A, first floor. Free, registration required. Call 602-262-7344.

13 International Women's Day Celebration, Phoenix Civic Plaza

Ballroom, noon to 1:30 p.m., Third and Washington streets. Call 602-261-8242.

13,14,15 BOPA (batteries, oil, paint, anti-freeze, appliances, computers) collection,

8 a.m.-2 p.m., Deer Valley Park, 19601 N. 19th Ave. (between Union Hills Drive and Beardsley Road) Call 602-262-7251 with questions.

15,16 The Arizona Republic Homeownership Fair,

Phoenix Civic Plaza, Hall A, Third and Monroe streets. Call 602-379-7275.

15 Graffiti Busters Paint Sprayer Training Workshop, Graffiti

Warehouse, 64 N. 48th Ave. Free, registration required. Call 602-262-7344.

20 Landlord/Tenant Workshop, Phoenix City Hall,

200 W. Washington St., Assembly Room A, first floor. Free, registration required. Call 602-262-7344.

Keep Lawns and Properties Looking Good During Spring

Spring brings new growth and new life. New growth can result in beautiful scenery, if maintained appropriately, or it can result in a neighborhood eyesore and possible fire hazard.

In an effort to prevent the latter from occurring, the Neighborhood Services, Public Works and Fire departments have teamed up to reduce dead, dried and overheight vegetation in Phoenix neighborhoods.

Staff from all three departments will be surveying Phoenix neighborhoods this spring to identify properties with overheight and dead vegetation. Properties with these conditions will be addressed through the Neighborhood Services Department's enforcement of

the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance.

The city's Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance requires property owners to keep their properties free from dry or dead weeds, grass and other vegetation.

Weeds and grass, if present, must be maintained at a height of six inches or shorter. Properties, alleys and easements also must be kept free from litter, garbage, or any other condition that presents a health, fire or safety hazard.

Call the Neighborhood Preservation Division at 602-262-7844 to report possible violations, receive case updates or to request a copy of the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance.

Free Neighborhood Improvement Workshops Set For March

Interested in helping to eliminate graffiti in your neighborhood, or understanding landlord/tenant rights?

Then sign up this month for the series of workshops the Neighborhood Services Department is sponsoring on neighborhood improvement.

The workshops are free, but registration is requested. A complete listing of the workshops can be found on the city's Web site at phoenix.gov/NSD/NSDworkshops_eng.pdf on the Internet.

Future workshop topics to be discussed include how to generate more publicity for neighborhood groups and creating dynamic, interesting neighborhood newsletters.

For more information or to register for the classes, call 602-256-3517.

Here's a list of the workshops coming up this month:

Date	Time	Topic and Location
March 12	6 p.m.	Planning and Zoning for Neighborhood Groups Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., Assembly Room A, first floor
March 15	8 a.m.	Graffiti Busters Paint Sprayer Training Graffiti Warehouse 64 N. 48th Ave.
March 20	6 p.m.	Landlord/Tenant Workshop Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., Assembly Room A, first floor



Neighborhood Resource Center Moving Forward

A recent community meeting to provide updates and receive input from the community on the proposed Neighborhood Resource Center at 24th Street and Broadway Road was well attended and well received by the public.

The Neighborhood Services Department and the Community Excellence Project hosted the meeting to present an overview of the master site plan of the center, which is scheduled for completion in 2004. More than 40 community members and activists attended and offered input and feedback.

Architects Marlene Imirzian of Marlene Imirzian & Associates, and Dave Wilson of Ten Eyck Landscape Architects, Engineering and Architectural Services and Neighborhood Services staff presented the proposed master plan and project schedule.

The 20,000-square-foot Neighborhood Resource Center will occupy most of the block up to Corona and 25th streets. The 24-hour facility will house a Police Department neighborhood station, space for community meetings, as well as Neighborhood Services staff.

Health Hazard Homes In Phoenix Will Be Corrected With Grant

Approximately 150 Phoenix homes and residential units that pose health and safety hazards to residents, especially children, will be made safer under a \$950,000 federal grant that recently was awarded to the city of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department.

The department will receive the funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to implement a Healthy Homes program during a three-year period. Existing city resources and programs will be used to provide comprehensive assessments and remedies to selected properties.

The homes and housing units will be identified and referred by the Phoenix Children's Hospital,

the Arizona Department of Health Services and city of Phoenix Head Start program.

Targeted areas for participation include properties with low-income housing.

Among the free services provided by the program are assessment of health and safety hazards in housing units occupied by at-risk children, health screenings and parent education on the prevention of child illnesses and injuries.

Construction-related hazards, such as leaking pipes, water-damaged materials and electrocution danger, will be addressed, as well as indoor air quality issues.

For more information, call 602-534-2528.

COUNCIL

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Phoenix lies within some of the most beautiful and biologically rich desert in the world. In an effort to maintain this, the city of Phoenix bought 629 acres of State Trust land at an auction last month that will become the third parcel of the Sonoran preserve.



*Councilwoman
Peggy Neely,
District 2*

The land, located north of Happy Valley Road and east of I-17, represents a commitment to maintaining our quality of outdoor recreation, while balancing both population increases and preservation of the Sonoran Desert.

As chair of the City Council Smart Growth and Environment Subcommittee, I'm proud to be part of this time when we are growing smarter in Phoenix and keeping the natural beauty of our neighborhoods intact.

The planned Sonoran Desert Preserve encompasses approximately 20,000 acres of hillside, washes and open desert. It will place neighborhood and possibly community level parks adjacent to the preserves, incorporating a design concept learned from other mountain preserve areas.

In cooperation with the Phoenix Sonoran Desert Preserve Committee, the city of Phoenix worked on the Sonoran Preserve Master Plan, which was approved by the City Council in 1998.

With sensitive planning, a commitment to maintaining our quality of outdoor recreation, and quick action, both population increases and preservation of the Sonoran Desert can be accommodated.

The preserve was designed based on a system that functions biologically and provides a recreational resource tailored to the needs of the public.

The city was able to purchase the state land with money from the Growing Smarter Land Conservation Fund and the Phoenix Parks and Preserve Initiative. Now more than 2,000 acres make up the Sonoran preserve and Phoenix neighbors have more land to treasure.

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